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Western Farm Production Expenditures Down 6.1 Percent

Farm production expenditures in the West Region totaled \$64.6 billion in 2009, down 6.1 percent from the revised \$68.8 billion reported for 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The United States production expenditures were \$287.4 billion, down 6.4 percent from the revised 2008 total of \$307.0 billion.

In 2009, the United States Total Farm Expenditure average per farm was \$131,137 compared with \$140,075 in 2008, a decrease of 6.4 percent. On average, United States farm operations spent: \$20,533 on Feed, \$16,609 on Farm Services, \$13,141 on Labor, \$11,818 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases, \$9,171 on Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners, and \$10,312 on Rent. Farmers and ranchers in the West Region accounted for 22.5 percent of the nation's total farm expenditures in 2009.

At the national level, the top three average per farm expenditures with the largest dollar decrease were: Fuels down \$1,642 or 22.5 percent; Fertilizer, Lime and Soil Conditioners, down \$1,094, or 10.7 percent; and Livestock and Poultry Purchases, down \$1,094, or 8.5 percent. All other per farm average decreases were down less than \$1,000 per farm.

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